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お祭り・花火大会・海水浴等イベント満載、

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今でも夏がくると夏休みを思い出して

ワクワクしてしまいます。

さらに月末になると、

「締め切りに追われるトキドキ感」と

昔の「宿題たまってたハラハラ感」がシンクロして

リアルな夏休み感を味わえます…

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この恋を忘れない。
いちばん大好きなカレ。
ずっとずっと好きな人。

大好評発売中！

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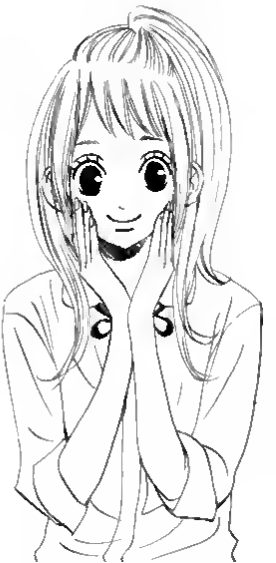
STORY

3RD YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT NINA IS IN LOVE WITH HER ONE YEAR OLDER NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, KYOUSUKE. BUT, KYOUSUKE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS BASEBALL CLUB'S MANAGER, YUIKO. NOT BEING ABLE TO CONVEY HER FEELINGS, NINA IS IN PAIN. THEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, SHE RECEIVES A SHOCKING LOVE CONFESSION FROM HER CLASSMATE MIYAKE. ONE DAY, NINA IS HURT WHEN SHE IS TOLD BY KYOUSUKE THAT SHE IS LIKE A SISTER TO HIM BUT, MIYAKE CONSOLES HER BY TELLING HER IT'S ALL RIGHT TO CRY. NINA IS SWAYED BY HIS GENTLENESS BUT WISTFULLY REJECTS MIYAKE'S CONFESSION. BUT, ON HER WAY HOME FROM HER PROMISED FIRST AND LAST DATE WITH MIYAKE, NINA ENDS UP THINKING THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO LET GO OF THE HONEST MIYAKE----!?



CHAPTER 17: [YESTERDAY AND TODAY]

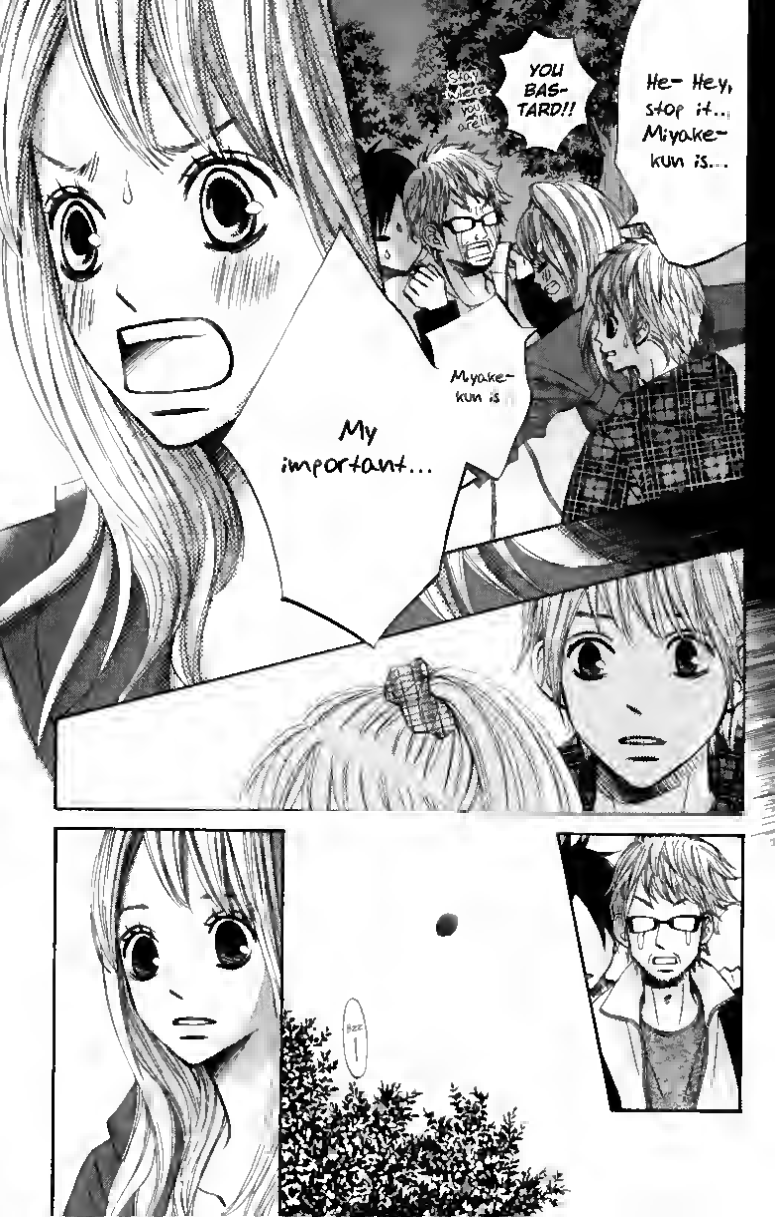
Bzzz
Bzzzz

...OH, MY!
R-...
RIGHT NOW ISN'T...
NO! UM...
SIR.
Let's go!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING STANDING AROUND HERE?
IF IT ISN'T KYOUSUKE-KUN!
Are you on your way home?
Oh!

Bzzz

WH-...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIIIINNG!!?
!?
O-...
Dad!?
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
LET GO OF HER!!!
Wa-...
Wa-...
Ahhh!

BA-THUMP
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH MY DAUGHTER!!?
Ahhh!!
He-

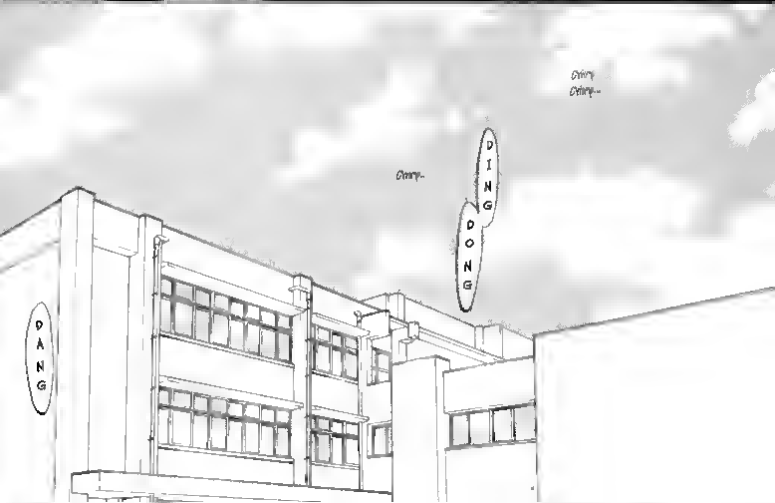

He- Hey, stop it.. Miyake-kun is...
YOU BAS-TARD!!
Stay away from you or I'll...
Miyake-kun is
My important...
Bzz !

ANY-WAYS ...
MIYAKE-KUN ISN'T ANYONE SUSPI-CIOUS.
HE'S A RESPECTABLE PERSON.

SFX: HYU—
SFX: FUHYU—
A FATHER WHO IS TENTATIVELY CALMING HIMSELF
DEEP BREATHS
I-
I'LL FORGIVE YOU FOR TODAY BUT, I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WALKING AROUND OUTSIDE AT THIS TIME OF DAY!
RANT
RANT
RANT
IT'S INEXCUSABLE!!
You guys are examinees!
I,
ABOUT UEMURA... ABOUT N-NINA-SAN,
I-
SIR.
I- I'M REALLY SORRY.
BUT...

THIS GUY'S ALL RIGHT...
DON'T WORRY.
W-well, if you say so, Kyousuke-kun!
Th- That's it for today. Be careful on your way home!

Let's go, Nina


Crrrrr
Crrrrr...
Crrrr...
DING DONG
DANG

RUN
RUN
RUN
Oh, no!
She's here!
AH, SEE, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL
IT'S UEMURA-SAN..
She's here!
Morn'ing!
PING
PONG
Morn'ing!
IT'S THE BELL.
I GUESS I BETTER HURRY UP A BIT
.....?
NINA!!
Clatter
Rub Rub
Glide
IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, SO ANSWER ME HONESTLY!
Wh-
Wh-Wh-What is it??
GEEZ, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS!
COME HERE FOR A SEC!!
AH! 'MORNING, NOC-CHIN...

*T&N I THINK IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A CATCALL? IDK XD

Ku-...
Kurisu-chiiiin!!
Waah!
WHAT'S GOING ON, NINA?
WHAT ABOUT TACHIBANA-SENPAI?
HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ON HIM?
Ah...
Umm ...
'MORNING!
Oh!
Miyuki!
Morning!

HM.
REALLY?
My routine was the same as always though
Fuhhh
I know. you overslept, right?
you don't need to keep it a secret!!
OH MY, MIYAKE~
YOU'RE ALMOST LATE ♡
you were tired because of your date, ♡
Right?
I hear you're going out with uemura? ♪
KYAAH!
WAH!

Wht-wooo
Kyah! How nice ~♡
Chatter
Chatter
Chatter
WAAAH!
IS THIS THE BIRTH OF A COUPLE!?
DAMN IT! I'M SO JEALOUS!

WE'RE NOOOOOOOOOOOO
OOOOOOOOOOOOOT GOING OUT.
WHAT?
BUT SHE SAID YOU WERE WITH UEMURA YESTERDAY!
WE WERE JUST HANGING OUT FOR A BIT.
Kurisu, that is
Eh?
Really?
Oh, how dumb
SERIOUSLY, THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT!

I'm sorry, Miya!
Ah, it's fine.
Stop it
DING
Ah, the bell

made him make such a face.
And my sister is so silly!
I,
Crunch
Crunch
Scratch
Scratch
HAVE YOU HEARD~?
THEY SAY SHE WENT ON A DATE WITH MIYAKE-KUN!
SHE'S QUITE FLIPPANT FOR AN EXAMINEE, ISN'T SHE?
AND WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE GUY? YOU KNOW, THE ONE FROM THE BALL GAME TOURNAMENT.
Tsukishima-senpai is he?
SHE MUST BE TWO-TIMING. I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HER.
LET'S GO, NINA!

I THOUGHT IT WAS TACHIBANA-SENPAI YOU LIKED.
...IT'S BECOME
HMM?
...REALLY AWKWARD.

WHAT HAS?
WELL, WE JUST RAN INTO EACH OTHER BY COINCIDENCE. IT'S MY TREAT, SO EAT UP!
BAM!
Club!!
HUH?
Club?
THE 2ND AND EVEN THE 3RD YEAR SENPAI,
MANAGER, COULD YOU,
YES!
P-POSSIBLY CLEAN OVER THERE TOO?
SOMETIMES THEY TALK TO ME SO POLITELY NOW!!

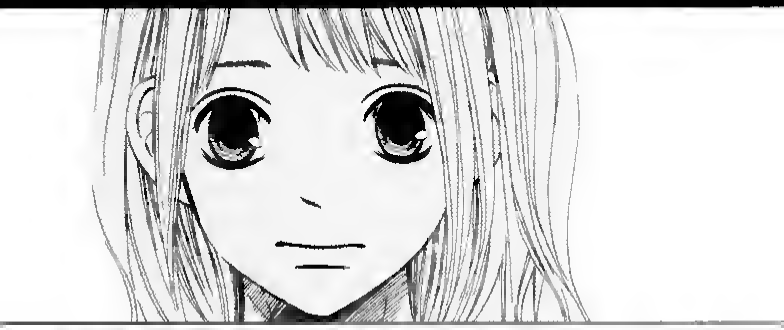
THIS ISN'T FUNNY!!
THIS MIGHT AFFECT THE TEAM!!
GYAHA!
Such a pathetic kouhai!!
because I said you used to be my girl!!!?
I THINK I REALLY WILL
.STOP MEETING WITH YOU.
BUT YOU...
LIKE IT, DON'T YOU?

Chow time!
What are you talking about?
..Wh-
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE!
I UNDER-STAND YOU!!
THAT'S THE KIND OF THING ABOUT YOU,

THAT REALLY ...
PISSES ME OFF.
SFX: BAM!

THAT PISSES ME OFF...
AHHH...

"I thought it was Tachibana-senpai you liked."



That feeling I had...
When I stopped Miyake-kun was.
ON YOUR WAY HOME, HEMURAAA?
BYEEEEE!
whoosh
AH, YEAH.
HEEY!
BYE BYE...!

...My feelings,

When I stopped him that time, were...

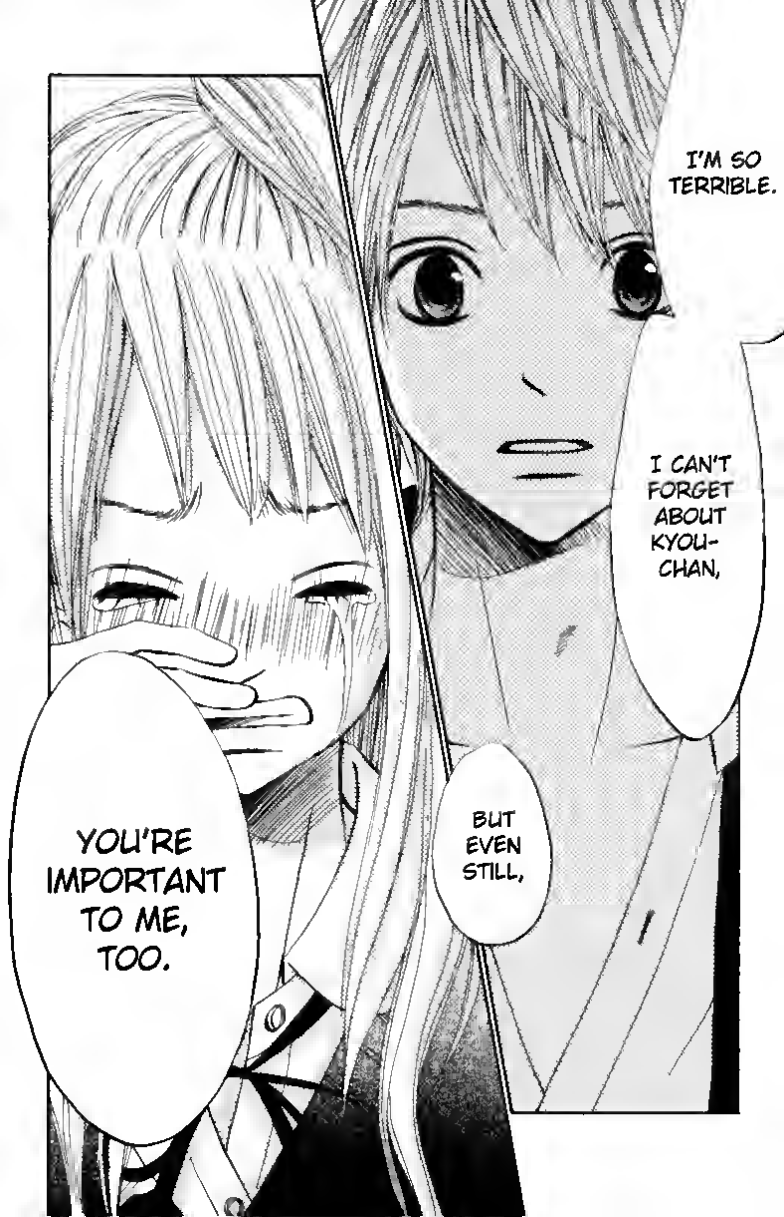
SQUEAK
Ching
ONCE WE GO DOWN THE RIVER BANK, YOU'RE PEDALING.
I'M LETTING YOU RIDE MY BIKE, SO TAKE ME ALL THE WAY TO MY HOUSE.
HEY, HEY.
YOU'RE TERRIBLE!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
GO FASTER
I THINK YOU SHOULD STOP FOR A BIT.
WHAT?
SQUEAK
...HEY.
WHAT...
HUH?
DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL ME TO "GO FASTER"...?
WELL,
YEAH.
YOU SHOULD STOP.
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

MIYAKE-
KUN!!

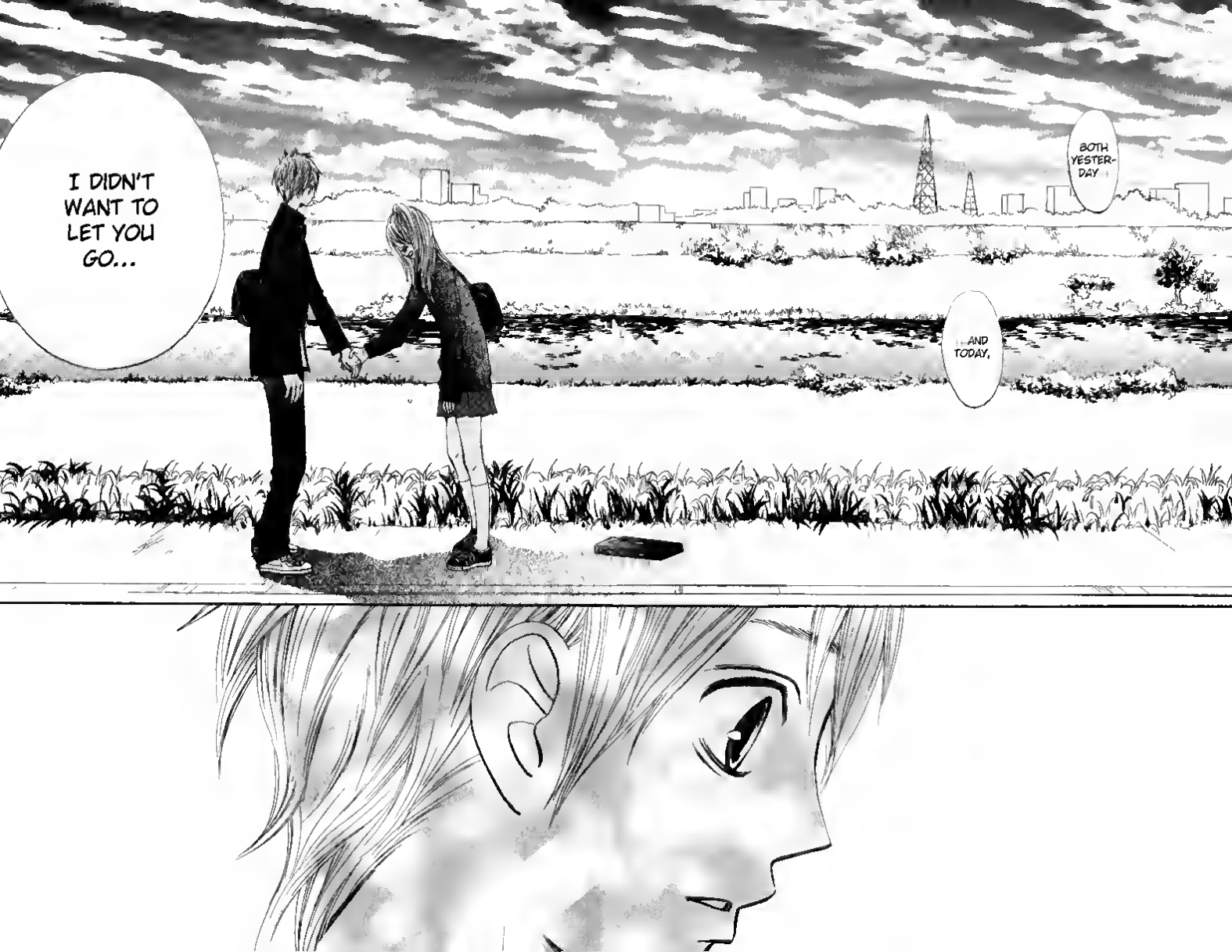
PLEASE ...!!
WAIT, MIYAKE-KUN.

SKREEECH
Haa
Haa

THANK GOOD-NESS...
Huff
Huff
Ohhh
All right! I'm heading home!
Huff
TH
Huff
Huff
I...
I CAUGHT U-...
COUGH
UGH!
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
A- are you all right? What is it?
Who-t's wr-
Huff
I...
DON'T UNDER-STAND...
A/N THAT WENT DOWN THE WRONG WAY!!!


I'M SO TERRIBLE.
I CAN'T FORGET ABOUT KYOU-CHAN,
BUT EVEN STILL,
YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME, TOO.

It's like
yesterday.


I DIDN'T WANT TO LET YOU GO...
BOTH YESTER-DAY
...AND TODAY,

I WON'T TELL YOU TO SUDDENLY BREAK AWAY FROM TACHIBANA-SENPAI.
...THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
NO
EH-?
RATHER, I DON'T THINK THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE.
ALSO,
...I DEFINITELY
WON'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO...

BE WITH ME.
And even now,

OKAY...
I thought to myself that...
I want to be by your side...

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KEISUKE, IT'S NOT SAFE TO RUN LIKE THAT~
WELL, IT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO SLOW!
TIME IS TICKING!
Hey wait up!
OH!

*T/L NOTE: THIS IS JUST A FAMILIAR/FRIENDLY WAY FOR A YOUNGER PERSON TO ADDRESS A BOY WHO IS OLDER THAN THEM. IT'S ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING "NICHAN."

YOU WILL!!?
SURE, ALL RIGHT.
AWE-SOME!

I'll teach you how to play baseball in exchange!
...MIYAKE-KUN.

MIYAKE-ANCHAN, YOU'RE GOOD AT BASKET-BALL, RIGHT?
TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY SOME-TIME!!

HM?
IT'S QUITE THE DETOUR TO COME BY THIS WAY, ISN'T IT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF TO COME EVERY MORNING.
Whoosh
Skip
BUT ISN'T IT TROUBLESOME?
I'M NOT.
It only takes about 5 minutes from here.
I WANT TO COME, SO IT'S ALL RIGHT.
He's ma-
Ah.
I'm the 11th batter!

...AH!
BY THE WAY...
NINA, WALK FASTER~

FOR REAL . ?
YEAH
Ah! But your dad...

DON'T WORRY.
Silent Trauma
Ahh!!

WHAT?
MY MOM ASKED ME
TO BRING YOU OVER AGAIN ON A DAY OFF OR SOMETHING.

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING IF I TELL HIM THAT WE'RE GOING TO STUDY.
Let's do our homework or something!
Thanks today

AHH!
IT'S NINA-RIN~

DING
DONG
DANG
A-...
AND SO,
W-WE'RE DATING NOW.
Kyaaah!
I SEE! YOU'RE DATING MIYAKE-KUN!!
I THINK THAT'S GREAT!
YEAH!!

...NO ONE WILL CRITICIZE YOU.
SQUEEZE
There there
BUT MAKE SURE TO STILL PAY ATTENTION TO ME, OK?
YOU GUYS WILL BE GOING ON DATES, RIGHT? ♡
Sniff
YEAH. UM... IT'S NOT EXACTLY A DATE BUT...
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A STUDY DATE AT MY PLACE...

?
!?
YOUNG PEOPLE THESE DAYS SURE MOVE FAST...
!?
Young people? You're still young too
Huh? Wh- What...!?
INVITING YOUR BOY-FRIEND INTO YOUR ROOM IS A BIT TOO MUCH OF AN INVITATION,
...DON'T YOU THINK?
DING DONG

...P-
PARDON ME FOR THE INTRUSION...
welcome!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
Mom gave you a ride, welcome in his place
SHUT
SNAP
WELL, LET'S DO OUR HOMEWORK!
IS YOUR DAD ALL RIGHT...?
He didn't come out

.....
"Inviting your boyfriend into your room is a bit too much of an invitation, don't you think?"

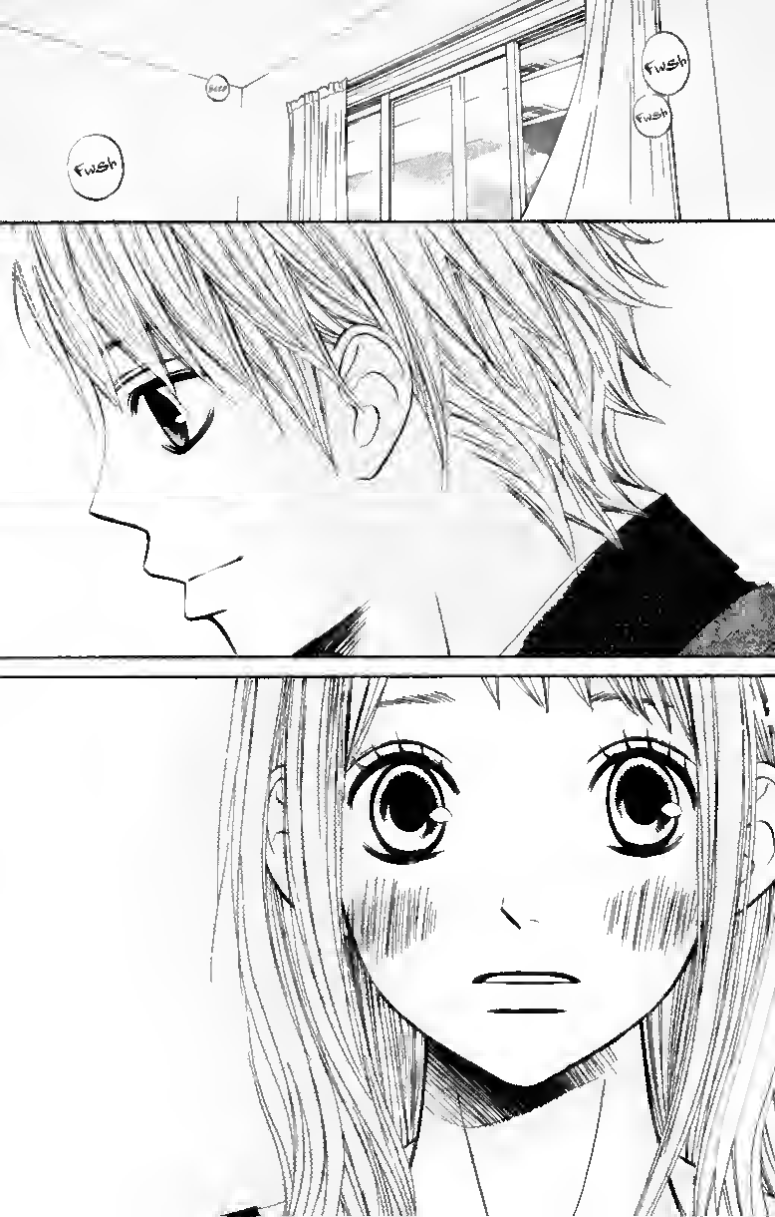
Flip Flip
Yeah!
Maru T might seem cute but,
He gives out way too much homework, doesn't he?
Speaking voice
YOU'RE GIVING TOO MUCH OF A BAD IMPRESSION!!
AHHH! AHHH! I CAN'T HEAR YOU~
Mom and Dad are next door and all, so it won't turn into that kind of mood

I have to stop being so conscious!!
B-BY THE WAY!
YOU'RE GOING TO ENROLL IN A HIGH SCHOOL THAT'S STRONG IN BASKETBALL, RIGHT?
NO, NOT REALLY...
Though I think I will enter the basketball club.
AHH, NO, I'M NOT REALLY FUSSY ABOUT THAT.
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT AIMING TO PLAY NATIONWIDE OR ANYTHING.
REALLY?
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DO IN LIFE OR SOMETHING?

AND IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A CONCRETE GOAL
THAT I WANT TO GO TO THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL I'M ABLE TO GO TO.
THEN LATER WHEN I FIND OUT WHAT I WANT TO DO IN LIFE I'LL HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY.
I GUESS YOU COULD CALL RIGHT NOW THE GROUND-WORK...
WELL, I'M SURE OTHERS MIGHT DISAGREE WITH ME, THOUGH.
There's no point in push-ing one's self to death.
NO! THAT'S AMAZING.
YOU'VE REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

FWSH...
...ARE YOU GOING TO GO TO MINAMI HIGH?
YOU REALLY HAVE

...YOU SHOULD.
..I MEAN,
THEY'RE FINALLY TELLING YOU THAT YOU COULD GET IN...
...IF YOU'RE CAUGHT UP THINKING ABOUT UNNECESSARY THINGS THEN...
I THINK IT'S A BIG WASTE.

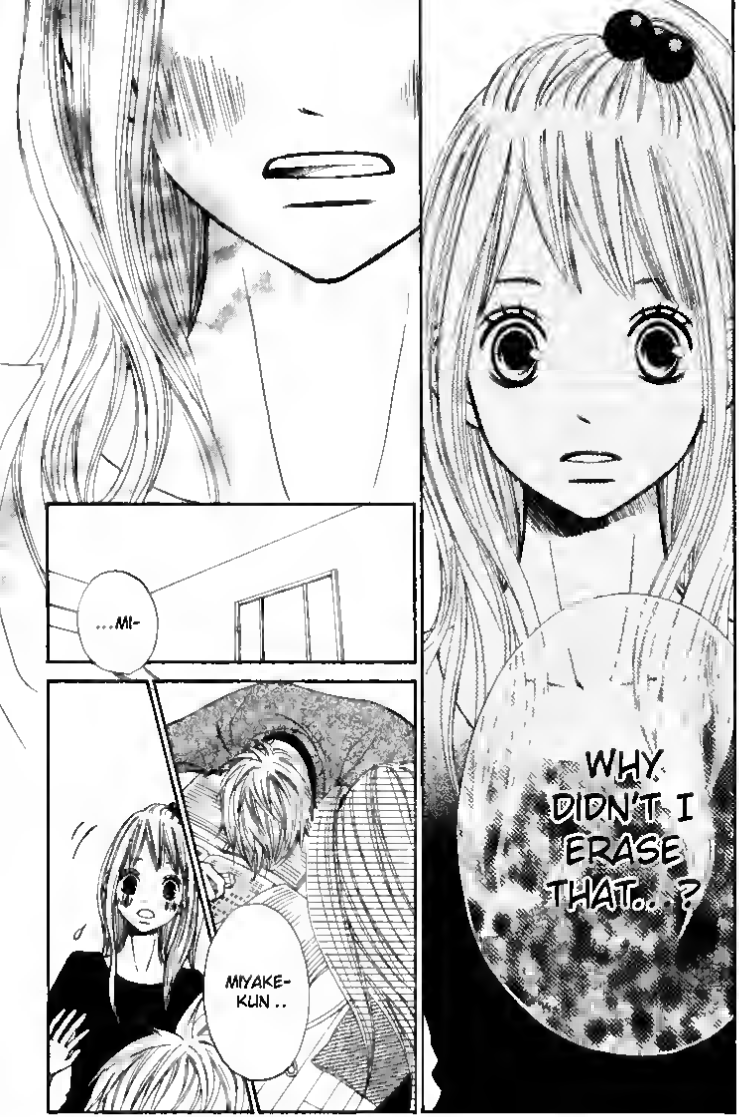

Fwsh
Fwsh
Fwsh

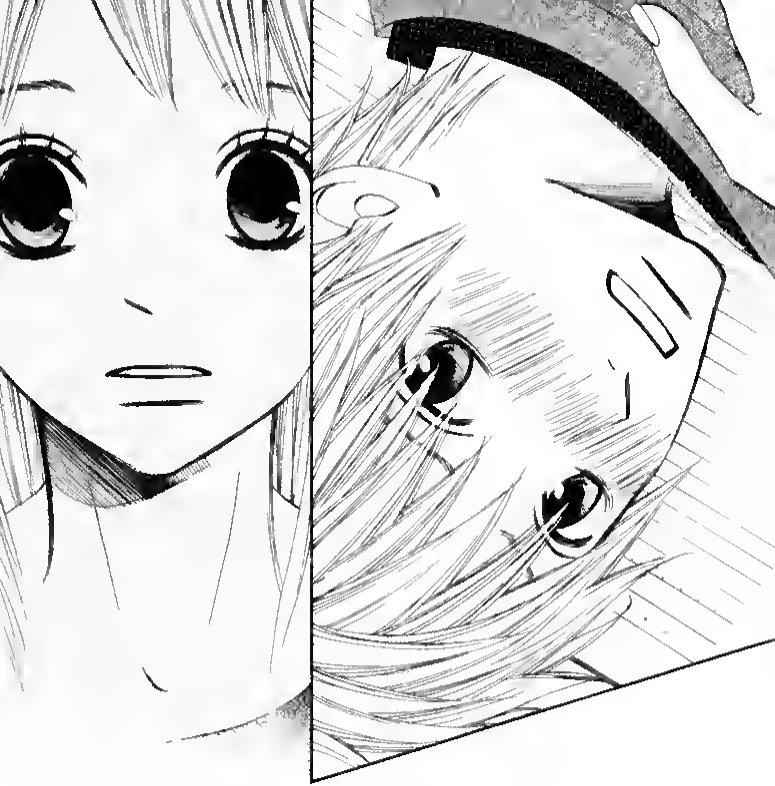
EVEN IF I TALK BIG, IT'S STILL GOING TO BE QUITE THE CLOSE CUT.
...WELL,
THERE'D BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IF I WAS AS SMART AS NOCHIOKA, THOUGH.
Nocchin
AH...
I FEEL AS IF I WON'T GET INTO MINAMI HIGH, IF I DON'T KEEP TRYING MY HARDEST.
THE SAME GOES FOR ME~
BUT MIYAKE-KUN, YOUR NOTES ARE REALLY WELL DONE.
HUH?
IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WHATEVER YOU CAN!
LET'S DO OUR BEST!!
...MY NOTES?

Flip
Flip
OH, THIS?
When I accidentally took your notebook home the other day, I took a peek inside it!
S-Sorry!!
Flip
Flip
I JUST COPIED THESE FROM THE BOARD...
Flip—
She's not happy
Thank you.

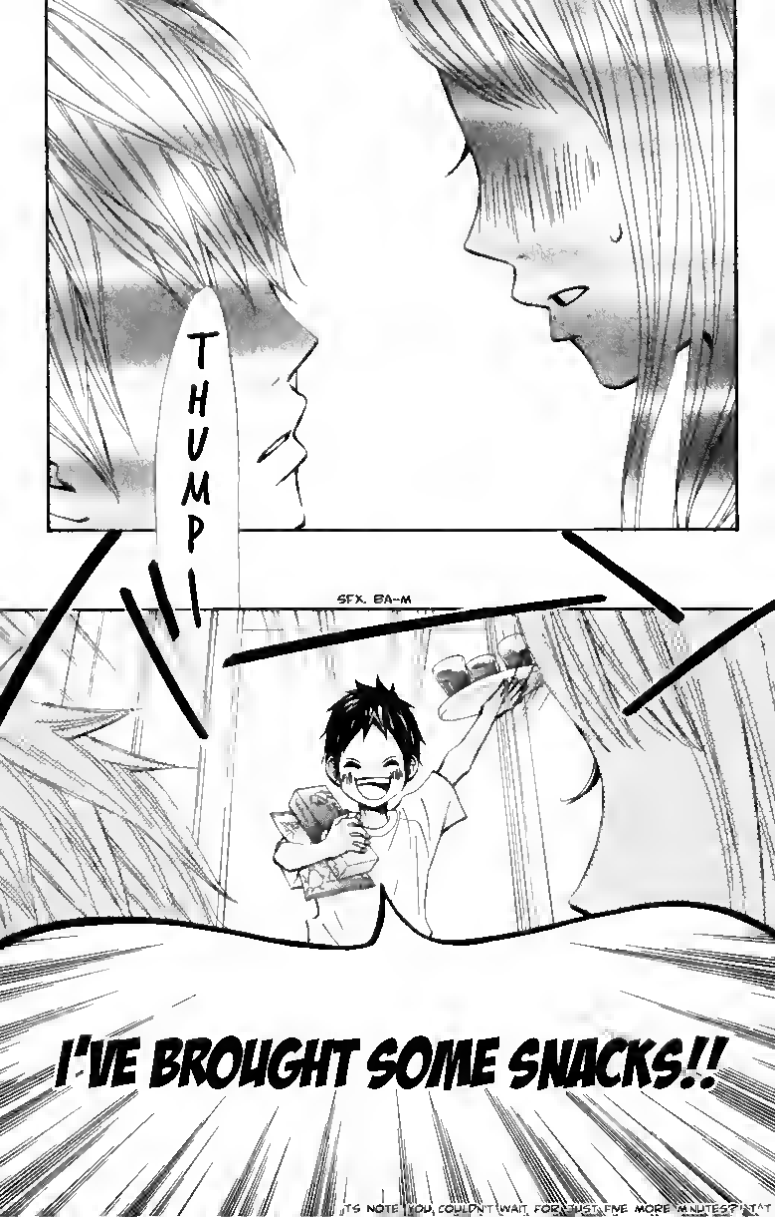
SFX: RUB!
S-
Sorry for just going ahead and writing that in there.
But... um.
ERASE
ERASE ERASE ERASE
No. Date
Thank you.

BONK
No, I look like a complete stalker
IT MAKES ME LOOK LIKE I'M A BIT OF A STALKER..
AND IT WAS SO POORLY DRAWN ON TOP OF THAT.
..THAT'S SO LAME OF ME...


WHY DIDN'T I ERASE THAT...?
...MI-
MIYAKE-KUN ..



Ah.

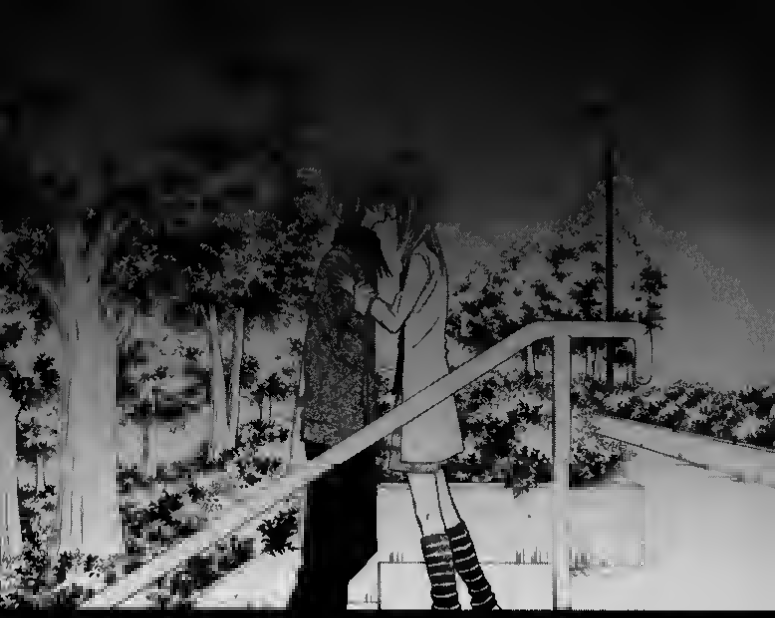

THUMP!!
SFX. BA-M
I'VE BROUGHT SOME SNACKS!!
IT'S NOTE! YOU COULDN'T WAIT FOR JUST FIVE MORE MINUTES?! TAT

ANCHAN, NINA, LET'S DIG IN!
...
He also told me to check up on you two!!
NINA'S DAD TOLD ME TO BRING THEM!
Nina's Dad
I'm gonna to eat some too!
My cook kid
WHERE'S KEISUKE?

NINA-CHAN BROUGHT HER BOY-FRIEND HOME AGAIN SO HE WENT OVER TO PLAY WITH THEM.
Welcome home
He's staying for supper over there again.
(LOVES)
BYEBYE, MIYAKE-ANCHAN!!
OH.
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S LEAVING NOW.
BY THE WAY, COULD YOU RUN A SMALL ERRAND FOR ME, KOU-SUKE?

IT'S GREAT WE GOT OUR HOME-WORK FIN-ISHED!
YEAH.
AND THE SUPPER YOUR MOM MADE WAS DELICIOUS.

KEISUKE HAD FUN, TOO. COME AGAIN SOMETIME.
OKAY.
SEE YOU LATER.
SEE YOU.
...UEMURA.

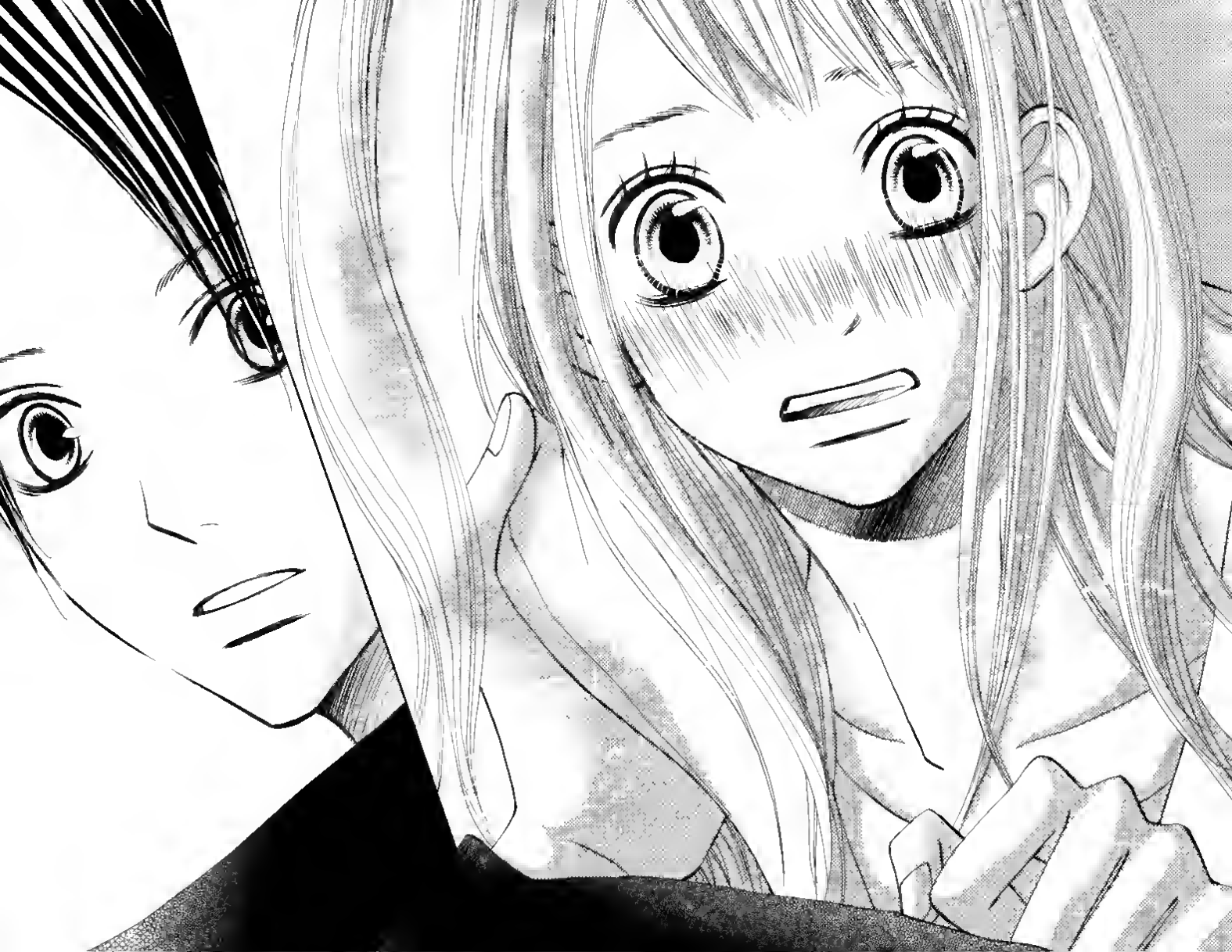


Buzz

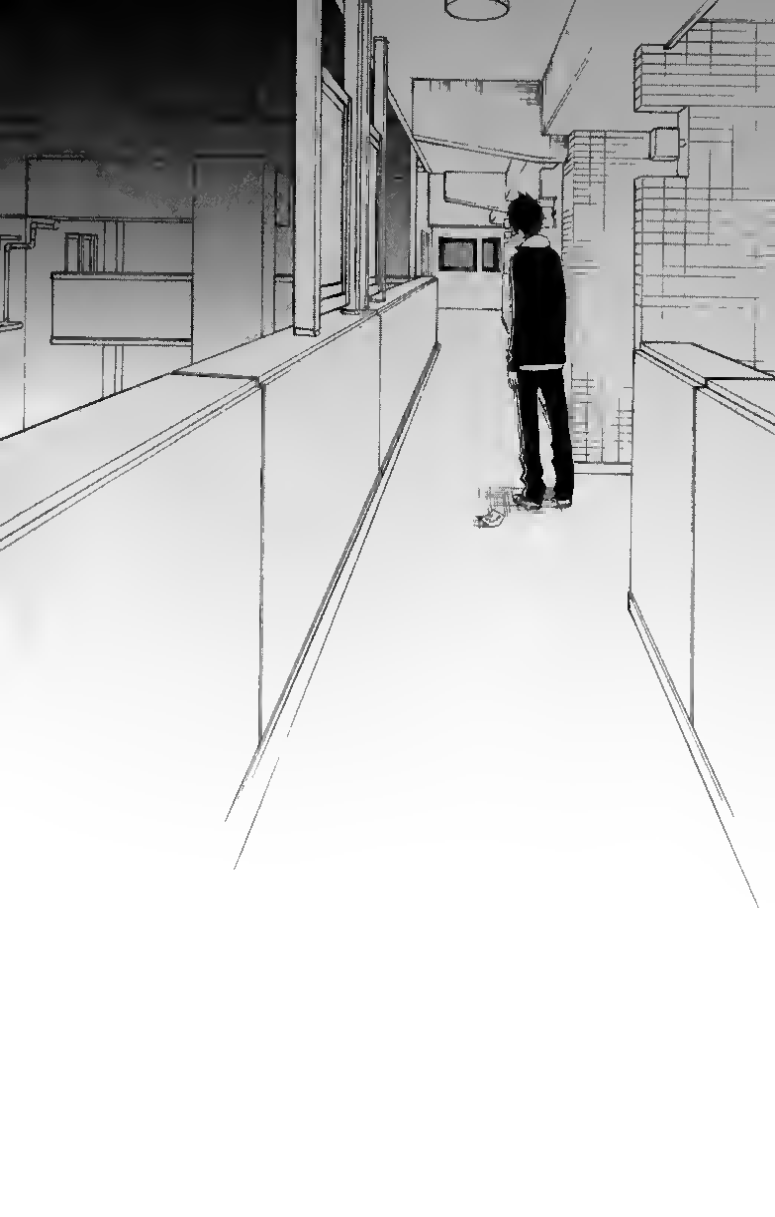
...SEE YOU.

Shopping List
Eggs for Breakfast
Milk
Plain Bread
Sweets for me!
LET'S SEE, EGGS, MILK, BREAD
And some sweets for Keisuke.
CLICK
SHUT
ALL RIGHT, I CAN GET EVERYTHING AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE
DING
BUZZ

RUN
NINA.
WEL-
COME
BACK.
DID YOU
GO SEE
HIM O-...
BUMP
WATCH
O-...



CLICK
Great
SHUT
S-...
SORRY ...!
BYEBYE...!



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DING DONG
OH, MY! COME IN... WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP

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Click
SHUT
SORRY ...
WERE YOU SLEEPING?
.....

..YOU SURPRISED ME.
WHAT'S THE ..
YOUR T-SHIRT WAS MIXED IN WITH MY STUFF,
SO I CAME TO BRING IT TO YOU.
YOU COULD'VE JUST GIVEN THIS TO ME AT SCHOOL...
I...
WAS THINKING THAT TOO BUT,

REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU.
I JUST...
Drrrrrh

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...DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH NINA-CHAN?
GRAB
WHAT HAP-PENED?
TELL ME.
...NO...

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...I'M TELLING YOU THAT'S NOT IT!!
Tick
Tick
Tick

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Swish
OHHH!
Nice shot!
AWESOME, I GOT ANOTHER ONE IN!
Haha!
YOU'VE GOT IT. KEEP AT IT.

We...

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PLAY BASKET-BALL WITH US!!
Come on! Come on!
ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM CLUB?
YEAH
...NO.
I'LL PASS
...JOIN US IF YOU'D LIKE
WHAT~? COME ON, PLAY WITH US!!
If Nina joins in, we could do some 2 vs. 2!!
You know Keisuke,
These two are examinees so don't bother them that much.

...AH.
DON'T WORRY
WE'RE MAKING SURE TO STUDY
WE'VE ALREADY DONE OUR STUDYING FOR TODAY, SO THIS IS LIKE A BREAK FOR US...
BY THE WAY, NINA,
IF I RECALL, YOU HAVE YET TO CHOOSE WHICH SCHOOL YOU WANT TO GO TO.

...MINAMI HIGH.

MINAMI HIGH...
IS THE SCHOOL I'VE DECIDED TO TRY FOR..

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YOU AND I WILL PAIR UP.
BOUNCE
Fwsh
Just what you'd expect from someone in the basketball club!!
Miyake-kun really is good at this!

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...I
HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA
Ahhh!
PSSSH!
Here's some water, Keisuke!
BOUNCE
WHAT YOU'RE THINK-ING!!

BOUNCE
"RIGHT HERE AND NOW" AT LEAST...
HAND OVER THE VICTORY* WITHOUT A FUSS...!!
*NOTE: HE'S INDIRECTLY REFERRING TO NINA
CLUNK
TAP
AH...
!!
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WASN'T EVEN MINE TO BEGIN WITH...!!

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...I'M TIRED.
I'M GOING HOME
HUH ..?
WHAT ...?
YOU'RE GOING HOME!?
Bro!

I have absolutely no idea...
...what you're thinking.
Cow!
...IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

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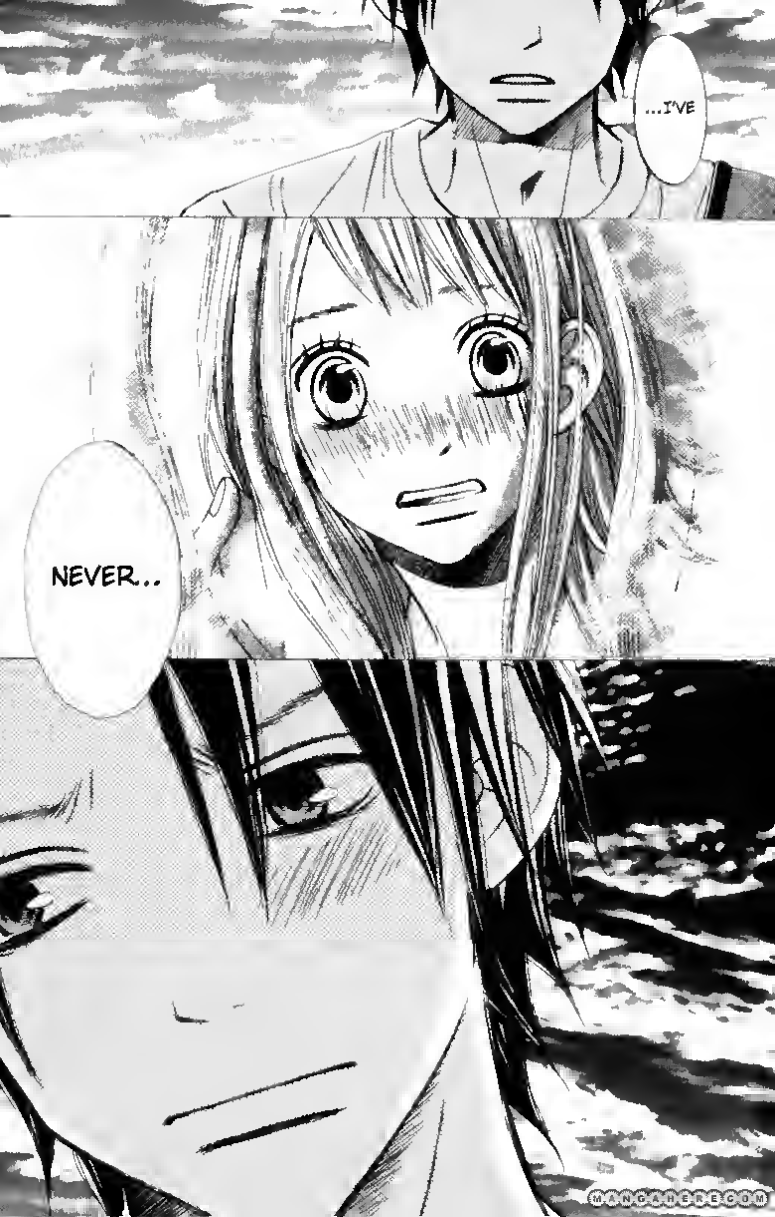
"I like you."
"No..."
Step



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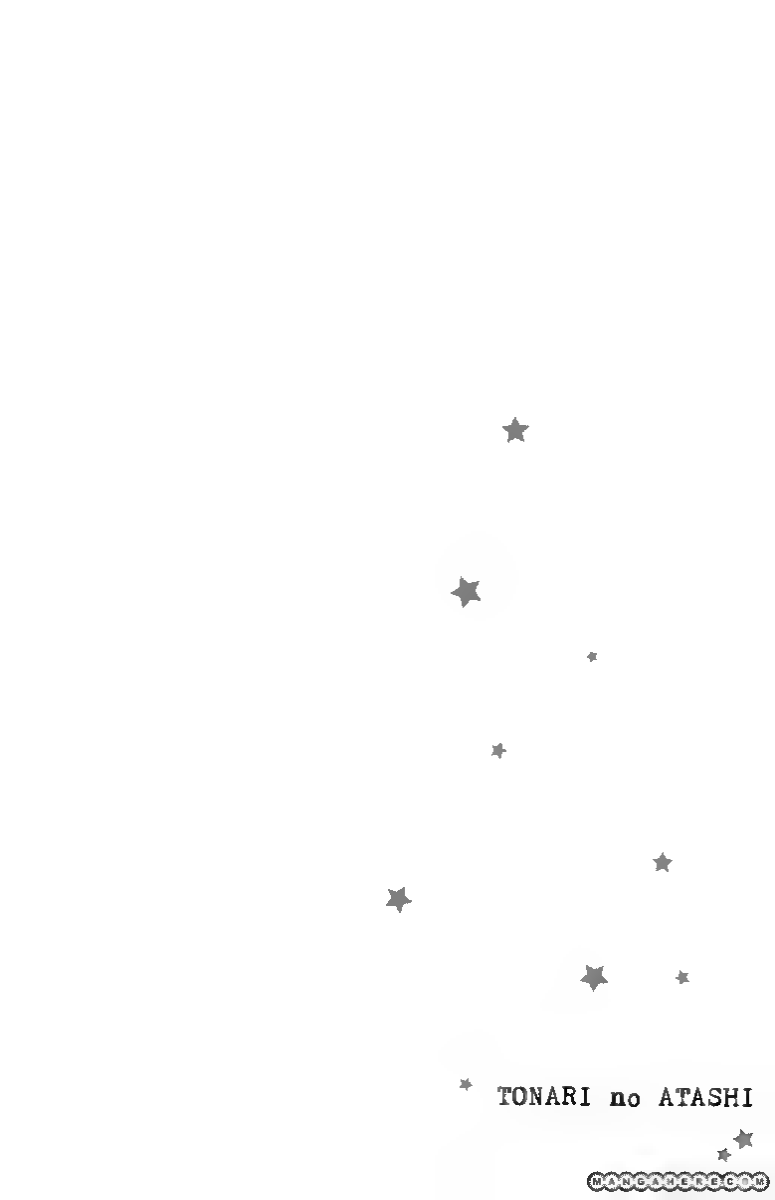
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CHAPTER 20 [SHOOTING STARS AND SECRETS]

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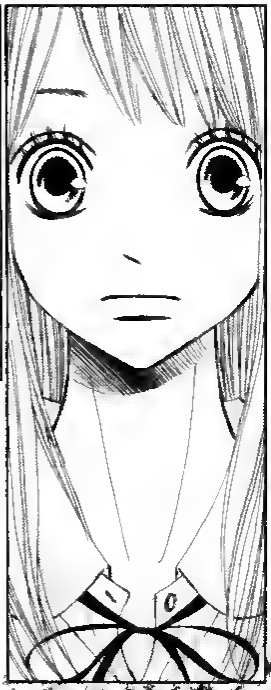
...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

Caw



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Ding Dong
NINA, IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE~
YEAH...
OH, I PUT YOUR GYM UNIFORM ON THE SOFA.
Thanks
AND SO THAT CONCLUDES OUR SCOOP ON THE METEOR SHOWER THAT'LL BE HAPPENING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 7 YEARS.
OH, MY...!
THEY SAY THE BEST TIME TO VIEW IT IN THE KANTOU REGION WILL BE AT AROUND 11 PM.
IT'LL BE A SIGHT TO SEE!

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IT'S GOING TO BE LATE AT NIGHT SO YOUR DAD MIGHT NOT APPROVE OF IT...
!!
AH! MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU INVITED MIYAKE-KUN OUT TO SEE IT?
Just kidding
Nina you've never had the pleasure of seeing shooting stars, right?
SO THERE'S GOING TO BE A METEOR SHOWER THIS WEEKEND-- IF THE WEATHER'S NICE, HOW ABOUT WE GO WATCH IT?
HUH?
Meteors??
Baseball Club
Chatter
Chatter
Chatter
I'M STARV-ING!!
AH! SENPAI, SENPAI.
I HAVE SOME CALORIE MATES!
Would you like one?
IT'S STILL MORNING, SENPAI.
MIND IF I HAVE SOME LUNCH?
MINAMI
MINAMI
Chatter
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I'm so tired~
I need to lose some weight.
Chatter
Chatter
AH, THERE SHE IS!
UEMURA!!
RUN
RUN

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MIYAKE GOT REALLY INTO IT AND GOT HURT WHEN HE DID A RECKLESS PLAY.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HE THINKS HE'S OUT OF SHAPE NOW THAT HE'S RETIRED FROM HIS CLUB ACTIVITIES...?
Hey, don't you think you're playing a bit too seriously today for just a gym class!?
THIS IS SERIOUS.
Huh?!
OLDER OR NOT, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO BE EVENLY MATCHED WITH AN AMATEUR OPPONENT.
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That's Great!

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STARS?
UMM. . I THINK THEY SAID IT WAS THIS WEEK-END...?
THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A METEOR SHOWER ON THE NEWS.
How about we go see it?
... THAT'S AT NIGHT, RIGHT?
YEAH.
I'M HA-... I DON'T MIND BUT,
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOU?
With your dad and all.
MY MOM WILL HELP ME OUT, SO DON'T WORRY!
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MAKE SURE YOU'RE CAREFUL!!
I didn't think you two would actually be going!
O-OK!
WELL, THERE'LL BE OTHER PEOPLE THERE TO WATCH IT SO IT'LL PROBABLY BE ALL RIGHT...
YOU... YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM DAD,
RIGHT?
YEAH, YEAH.
HE'S FAST ASLEEP BECAUSE HAD A BIT TOO MUCH TO DRINK, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
ZZZZZ
Wah.
Thank you!
Here take my cell phone.
BUT MAKE SURE TO CONTACT AND TELL ME WHEN YOU GET THERE AND WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE AND SUCH!
SEE YOU LATER!
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That's the 20th one!
It really is never ending.
I KNOW, RIGHT!?
You just can't get bored with finding them!
THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!
THERE ARE A FEW OTHER PEOPLE HERE, TOO.
It's lively
I'M GLAD WE GOT TO COME HERE!
Though I ended up coming here with-
-out telling Dad
WAH...!

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IT'S ...
KIND OF MYSTERIOUS.
WHEN WE CAME HERE FOR THE FIREWORKS,
...BEFORE,
I THOUGHT I WASN'T EVEN IN YOUR SIGHT.
I THOUGHT THAT IF I TOLD YOU I LIKED YOU,
IT WOULD JUST BE STRANGE.

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I FEEL LIKE IT'S A MIRACLE...
THAT I'M ABLE TO BE BY YOUR SIDE RIGHT NOW...
IT'S ALSO MY FIRST TIME MEETING UP WITH YOU SO LATE.
I'M REALLY NERVOUS ...
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Your dad woke up!
I think it's best if you come
home quickly!
From Mom

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IT'S OKAY!!
IT MIGHT BECOME SOMETHING REALLY DISASTROUS IF YOU'RE THERE.
SORRY!
BUT-
THANK YOU!!
RUN
AH-
THIS IS BAD.
I HOPE DAD HASN'T NOTICED THAT I'M GONE.
AND I HOPE I CAN COME IN WITHOUT BEING NOTICED.
RUN
RUN
CREEK-

WHERE IS NINA WANDERING AROUND AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT!!?
EEK!
N-
NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD!
MAYBE SHE WENT TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE? (MOM)
DON'T GIVE ME THAT "MAYBE" CRAP!
H-... HE'S EX-TREMELY... FURIOUS??
W- W- W- What should I do?!?
He'll definitely hit meeee!
OPEN
NINA.
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WHAT IS IT?
OPEN
AH, UM... I CAME TO GIVE THESE BACK TO YOU.
They're the clothes I used as a cover up
I SEE...
THANK YOU.
YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE.
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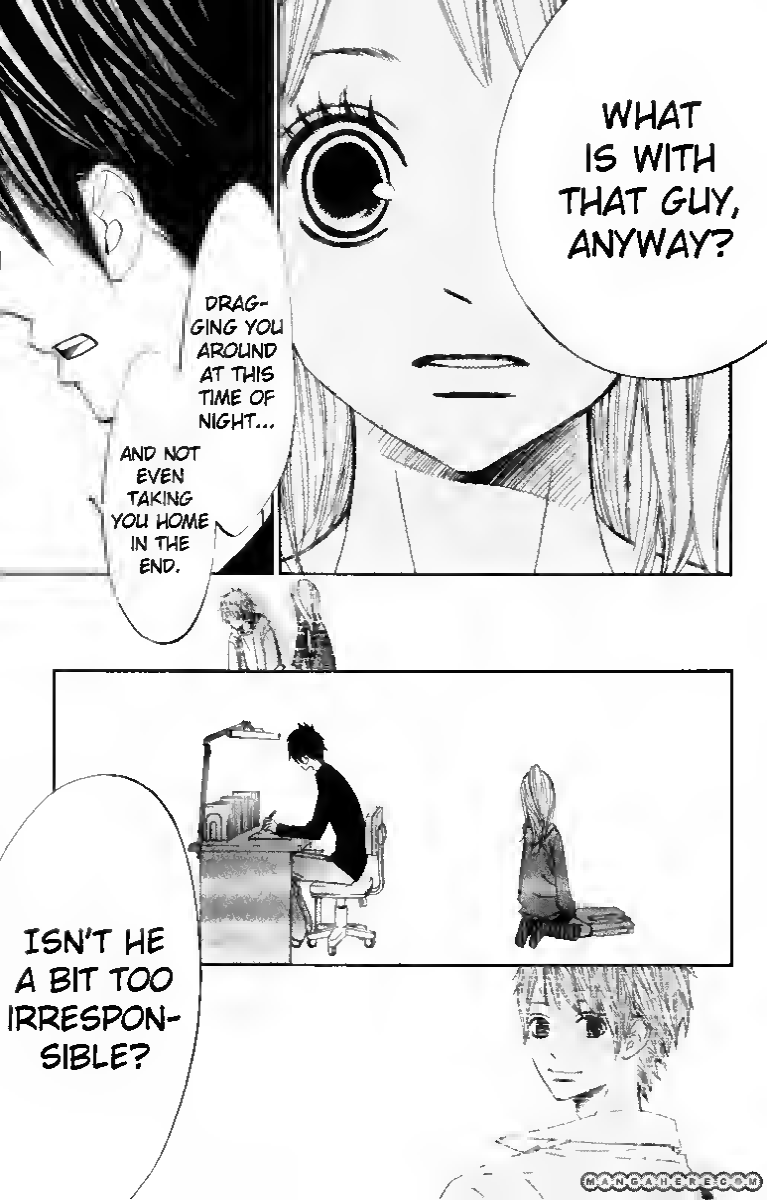
WHAT IS WITH THAT GUY, ANYWAY?
DRAG-GING YOU AROUND AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...
AND NOT EVEN TAKING YOU HOME IN THE END.
ISN'T HE A BIT TOO IRRESPON-SIBLE?
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I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY TO ME.
BUT, MIYAKE-KUN IS NOT AT FAULT.
I WAS THE ONE WHO REJECTED HIM WHEN HE OFFERED TO TAKE ME HOME.
AND I WAS THE ONE WHO INVITED HIM TO SEE THE METEOR SHOWER.
"THE STARS!"
HE...

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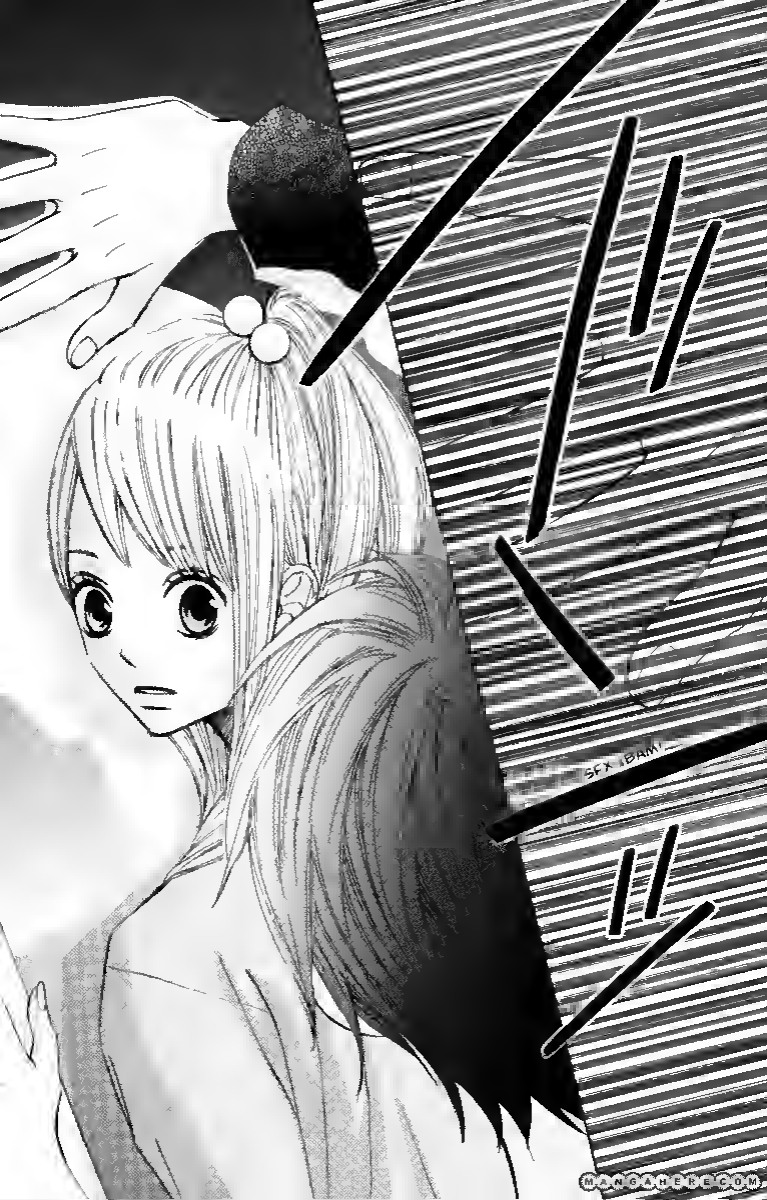
CARES ABOUT ME A LOT...
OPEN



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TONARI NO ATSUKO

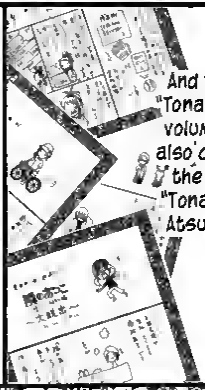
It's all thanks to the readers. I'd be overjoyed if everyone would continue to stick with the series hereafter too.

Hello! This is Nanba Atsuko. Time sure goes by fast. With this volume, "Tonari no Atashi" has reached its 5th volume.

I'm extremely grateful. I'm really happy that "Tona*Atsu" is also read!

I felt uneasy right after I got a new editor but I've gotten completely used to working with M-san.

Recently I've had people tell me they also look forward to reading "Tona*Atsu"



And with "Tona*Atsu" volume 5, also comes the 5th "Tonari no Atsuko"!!

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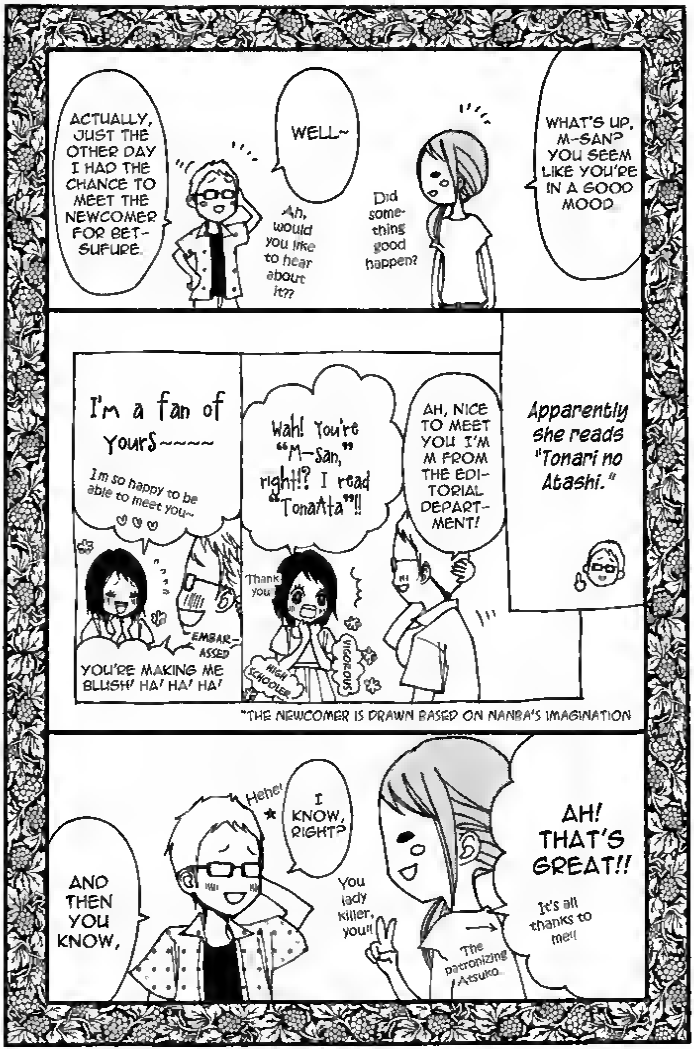

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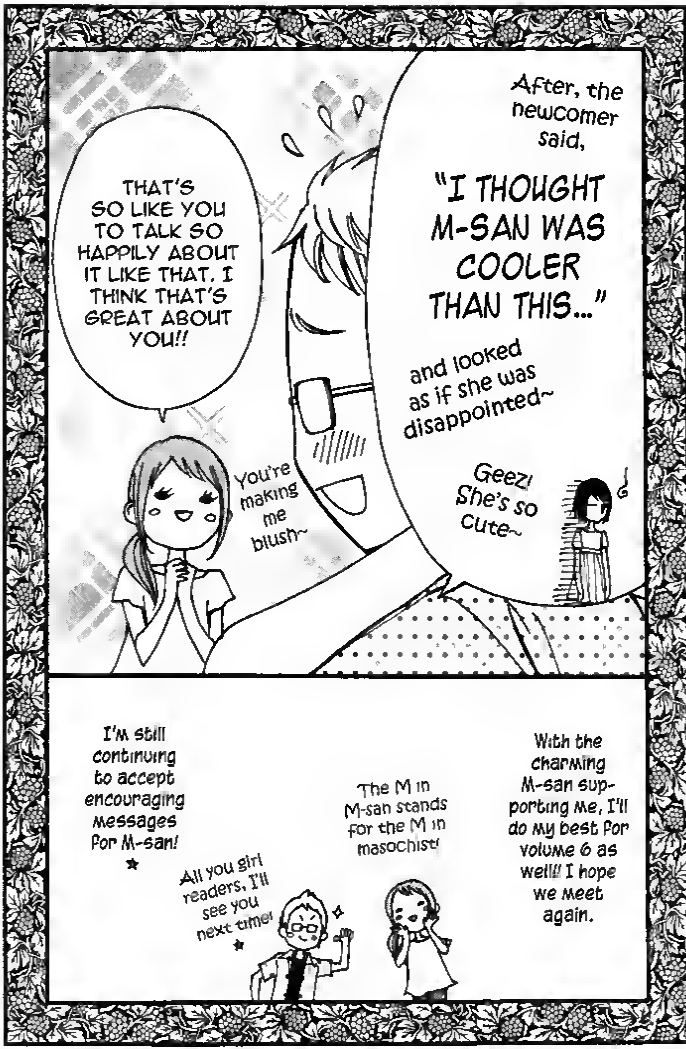
After, the newcomer said,
"I THOUGHT M-SAN WAS COOLER THAN THIS..."
and looked as if she was disappointed~
Geez! She's so cute~
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU TO TALK SO HAPPILY ABOUT IT LIKE THAT. I THINK THAT'S GREAT ABOUT YOU!!
You're making me blush~
I'm still continuing to accept encouraging messages for M-san!
All you girl readers, I'll see you next time!
The M in M-san stands for the M in masochist!
With the charming M-san supporting me, I'll do my best for volume 6 as well!! I hope we meet again.

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